



***Press freedom in Canada:
A status report on the 30th Anniversary
of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms***
March 8-9, 2012 Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario
Call for Papers
EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: Nov. 30, 2011

The Ryerson Journalism Research Centre and the Ryerson Law Research Centre invite proposals for papers/panels to be delivered at a joint conference ***Press freedom in Canada: A status report on the 30th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms***. Scholars are invited to submit proposals for papers or panels addressing topics related to freedom of the press for presentation on March 9, 2012. The first day of the conference, March 8, 2012, will consist of invited presentations and debates featuring legal experts, professional journalists and journalism educators. Program details will be announced soon.

For the March 9 sessions, we invite theoretical and empirical papers that explore the intersection between our legal system, press freedom and all forms of journalistic practice. Themes may include but are not limited to the impact of technology; legislative initiatives including anti-terrorism laws; court processes; privacy concerns; political strategies; evolving media business models; and legal rulings related to libel and defamation as they affect press freedom.

This conference, which takes place at a time of rapid change in journalism and overt as well as less obvious challenges to press freedom in Canada, will be relevant to a wide range of scholars interested in journalism, politics, human rights and the law. Papers accepted for the conference will, upon submission by the author, be considered for publication in the conference proceedings. To be considered for publication in the proceedings, full papers must be submitted by May 30, 2012.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts, which should be no longer than 250 words, will be refereed by a joint committee of the Ryerson Journalism Research Centre and the Ryerson Law Research Centre. Please include the title of your paper, your name, institutional affiliation and status (e.g. Associate Professor, Doctoral Candidate, etc.) and email address with the submission. Conference sessions will be 90 minutes in length and individual conference presentations should be no more than 20 minutes.

Please send your abstracts to: lawcentre@ryerson.ca with the subject line: Conference Abstract.

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Decisions will be made and communicated by December 15, 2011.